

District V Advisory Board Minutes
November 10, 2015
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The District V Advisory Board meeting was held at 6:30 p.m. at Fire Station #21 located at 2110 N. 135th St W., Wichita, KS 67235.

ATTENDANCE

Members Present

Council Member Bryan Frye
Mike Greene
Jose Gutierrez
Trevor Kurth
Darrell Leffew
Alissa Unruh
Ben Kittrell

Members Absent

Ben Bradley
Angela Breer
J.V. Johnston
Jill Kerschen
Troy Palmer

Staff Present

Officer Charley Davidson
Captain Mike Malter
Gary Janzen, Public Works
LaShonda Garnes
Penny Feist
Laura Rainwater

Guests

Karen Lippoldt
Lonnie Wright
Carolyn Oborny
John Oborny
George Oller
Vernon Dolezal
Marlo Dolezal

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Mike Greene
Approval of minutes from October 12, 2015: Approved 7-0.
Approval of Agenda: Approved 7-0.

Public Agenda

Scheduled Items: **Salvation Army, Karen Lippoldt**, came to inform DAB V members that the Salvation Army handles foster care cases and they are in desperate need of foster homes/families for children. Foster care information sheets were left for board members and guests in attendance.

Action Taken: Receive and file

Off-Agenda Items: None

Staff Reports

Fire Department Report: Capt. Mike Malter, reported statistics for October 2015

- No fires in District V for the month
- Nine recruits in new class
- Boot campaign will be held Nov. 14, 21 and 28 from 10am – 2pm
- Reminded DAB and citizens to be safe when frying turkeys
- Reminded DAB and citizens to have your furnaces inspected

Action Taken: Receive and file

Community Police Report: Officer Charley Davidson, reported they are seeing an increase in auto thefts, auto larceny and residential burglaries. Reminded everyone to be aware of suspicious characters. John Oborny, from The Enclave at Auburn Hills, came to personally thank all of our officers that were involved in locating and returning the bronze statue that was stolen from the Auburn Hills neighborhood.

Action Taken: Receive and file

Public Works Report: Gary Janzen, Assistant Public Works Director, reported

- Kellogg/I235: Off site-work is underway. Progress updates available at www.235kelloggcentral.com
- Kellogg/Webb: Utility work is underway at Kellogg and Webb and sometimes Webb is down to 1 lane each direction. Temporary closures at Corporate Hills Drive. A camera has been installed at intersection and linked to website so live progress can be monitored.
- Kellogg/K96: Will begin in Spring 2016
- K96/Hoover: Will open within one week
- 135th/Maple to Central: Nearly complete
- Tyler Road/29th to 37th: Nearly complete
- 13th/Cowskin Creek to 135th: Under design for three lanes. It's in the CIP for 2019 but there is a chance it could be done sooner.
- Maize Rd/34th: Signal will be installed and should be operational by April 2016. Maize Road will be restriped to five lanes from 29th to 37th.

New Business

Housing and Community Services Department: Jessica Perdue, Fiscal Specialist, presented a summary of currently funded programs and recommendations for FY 2016-2017 funding allocations for CDBG, HOME, and ESG funds. DAB members asked questions about the GRC process, who is being served, and provided feedback as to the importance of numerous funded programs.

Action Taken: Receive and file/provide feedback

Housing and Community Services Department: Jessica Perdue, Fiscal Specialist, asked for a nomination of a District V Representative to the Grants Review Committee.

The 14 GRC members are appointed annually by the City Council, and Housing and Community Services Department staff meet with them as they review applications from agencies who apply for HOME funds and proposals for ESG and CDBG Public Services programs. After review of the applications and proposals and public comments, the GRC makes recommendations to the City Council for HOME, ESG and CDBG funding for the next program year.

GRC will meet three times in February 2016 to review applications: Feb 19, 23, and 29.

The 2015-16 GRC representative from District V was Kelly Watkins.

**Action Taken: Mike Greene motioned to nominate Ben Kittrell.
Darrell Leffew seconded the motion.
Motion passed 7-0.**

New Water Utility Bill: LaShonda Garnes, Senior Management Analyst, presented two proposed designs for the water utility bill.

- Consumption History will show a 12-month history
- Back of water bill has changed drastically
- Citizens can sign up for electronic billing and have only one sign-in instead of the required two we have now
- In order to contribute to the H2O fund, you MUST sign up for it.
- DAB members suggestions:
 - ~ Statements in other languages
 - ~ Add tier explanation to front of bill
 - ~ Add URL to H2O Fund on back of bill
 - ~ DAB members unanimously preferred Option #1

Action Taken: Receive and file/provide feedback.

Cost of Service Analysis for the Water and Sewer Utilities, Penny Feist, Senior Management Analyst with Public Works and Utilities, presented alternative rate structures for water and sewer utilities. She presented a spreadsheet showing the percent increase based on different scenarios.

The national average increase is 5-6%. She also shared that out of the top 50 cities in population, Wichita has the 10th lowest residential water/sewer utility and 4th lowest commercial water/sewer utility.

Action Taken: Receive and file/provide feedback.

Board Agenda

CM Bryan Frye:

- Thanked all active and retired military. Mentioned the nice reception that was held at City Hall today.
- Reminded everyone of the groundbreaking at Buffalo Park on Friday, Nov. 13, at 10:00 a.m.
- Water Utilization - \$1.6 billion needed for infrastructure improvements. What's the best way to pay for it? On the advice of staff, Council thought it was best to hire an expert consultant to find ways to improve the system and where the improvements are needed. He stated that the City has no plans to outsource the water utility.

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

The next District V Advisory Board meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, December 7, 2015, at Fire Station #21, located at 2110 N. 135th St W., Wichita, KS 67235.